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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116), EXPEDITED
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2005 (Paper No. 092005), for which a response is due on January 4, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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